

## J. C. DOWSETT IS NEW PRESIDENT

**Board of Trade Holds Annual Meeting and Elects Officers for the Year.**

The annual meeting of the Edmonton Board of Trade was held in the council chamber at the city hall Monday afternoon. Interesting reports reviewing the work accomplished by the board of trade during the past year were read by the retiring president, C. Fraser and by the secretary, A.

The nominating committee brought a report nominating officers for the ensuing year which report was adopted. The new officers elected are:

President—J. C. Dowsett,  
1st Vice-President—F. T. Fisher,  
2nd Vice-President—P. E. Lessard,  
3rd Vice-President—W. H. Clark,  
Convener of sections—  
Each section after being called to

Each spring after being elected together by its convener elects a permanent chairman who by virtue of his office becomes a member of the council of the board.

Wholesale—F. M. Morgan.  
Retail—Frank Sommerville.  
Financial—T. M. Turnbull.

Professional—Wm. Short,  
Grain and Milling—A. B. Campbell.  
Real Estate—C. H. Smith.  
Insurance—James McGeorge.  
Manufacturers—John MacDonald.  
Committees.

Chairman of committee for the protection of Industrial and Commercial Interests—H. H. Clark.  
Chairman of committee on transportation—F. T. Fisher.  
Chairman of committee on civic interests—P. E. Lessard.  
Chairman of Publicity committee—G. Harrison.  
Chairman of Entertainment committee—A. C. Fraser.  
Chairman of committee in natural sources—H. M. E. Evans.

The last two committees are now in process of formation and if approved by the board the chairman nominates will be confirmed in office.

A black and white portrait of a man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

**J. C. DOWSETT,**  
Newly Elected President of the Edmonton Board of Trade.

A. G. Harrison was re-elected secretary of the board for another year and votes of thanks were tendered to him and to Mr. Fraser for their work during the past year.

The question of obtaining suitable maps of the province, and statistical information was introduced by A. C. Fraser.

Some discussion took place on the question of whether the provincial government should form a department for the purpose of gathering statistics, not only of the province but also of the Dominion as a whole. The provincial government was asked to appoint a geographer to prepare up-to-date and authentic maps of Alberta for distribution to the public, and to take a more aggressive attitude. It was finally decided that the secretary of the board of trade should communicate with the department of interior, and that the board should determine what maps could be secured. The matter of obtaining a plentiful supply of these maps for distribution could then be taken up through the provincial government.

In each of the 33 polling subdivisions, the boundaries of which are practically the same as the electoral districts in the election, Geo. B. McLeod, vice-president of the Edmonton Liberal association, made this announcement this morning in the absence from the city of the president, P. E. Lessard.

The work of the primaries will be to appoint delegates to the provincial convention to be held later, and at which the Liberal candidates in the Edmonton constituency will be chosen.

The Bulletin will tomorrow publish the boundaries of the various polling subdivisions, the place of meeting, the number of delegates from each subdivision is entitled and the names of the presiding officers.

**BORDEN AGAIN EXPLAINS.**

The Famous Telegram to Victoria Colonist Was Altered by Outsider.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, made an important statement in the House of Commons today bearing on the famous telegram incident of the general election, and he read a letter from Bishop O'Connor to the Hon. J. A. Macdonald to clear up the mystery in connection with his telegram and addition of the words "and exclusion of the Chinese."

He said: "The following letter has been sent to me by the management of the Colonist, to whom, apparently, it was delivered by the Bishop of British Columbia. It reads as follows:—

"To whom it may concern:—After reading the full statement in the newspaper of the telegram sent to the

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The Kelly House and Mr. Reed's office, which included the public library, sustained a loss of \$20,000, with a surplus of \$15,000. A Keller's dry goods and grocery has a loss of \$20,000 in \$3,000 insurance. Mr. Scott's loss was one thousand.

**Bryan Condemns Carnegie Fund.**

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 22.—Before a joint session of the legislature, U. S. Senator Bryan, in a long and impassioned speech, denounced the Carnegie fund as a plot of the state treasurers. He urged the abandonment of a school of citizenship and the condemnation of the Carnegie prison fund as a waste of money. It is the most ineptuous prison ever injected in the body politic.

SPRING BUSINESS IS GOOD.

### Retail Trade and Collections Are Good, Says Bradstreet's.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Hardsiron says: Spring business is opening up in Canada, but conservatism is noticeable in the east and retail trade in better shape owing to the prevalence of more reasonable weather. Collections are about fair, but

dividual orders are not especially heavy. Toronto reports that a night of reasonable weather has stimulated retail trade. Country trade only fair. Winnipeg advices say the outlook is very encouraging. Exports from the Pacific coast are thin. Travellers are taking goodly orders on spring lines, while industrial concerns expect an active season.

Montreal—	increase 14.2	...	\$27,076.
Toronto—	increase 39.0	.....	24,182.
Winnipeg—	increase 9.9	.....	9,600.
Vancouver—	increase 3.2	...	3,976.
Ottawa—	increase 15.1	.....	2,916.
Calgary—	increase 19.2	.....	1,907.

Quebec—decrease	3.7	1,844
Halifax—increase	4.3	1,500
St. John—increase	5.6	1,500
Hamilton—increase	9.6	1,387
Victoria—increase	7.6	1,101
London—increase	7.8	1,068
Edmonton—increase	56.5	828

MANUFACTURED 'MARGERINE  
Montreal Man Fined \$400 for Making  
Imitation Butter.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Geo. Dumais, a well-known fish dealer, today before Judge Bazin to make oleomargarine, was condemned to a fine of \$400 and to be imprisoned for two months for manufacturing and selling the same. The manufacture of the stuff, which was found in a factory on the Cote St. Louis road was ordered to be destroyed. The charge against Dumais was laid as the result of a sentence that had been secured by J. L. Costigan, food inspector of the industrial revenue department. There were 100 barrels of oil, a quantity of beef, salad oil, cottonseed oil, lard and colorings. The action was taken under the federal laws, which prohibit the manufacturing, selling or importation of oleomargarine.

**MUST PAY INCOME TAX.**

**Hudson's Bay Co., Least Sult Brought Imperial Government.**

London, Feb. 22.—The Hudson's Bay company are held liable for the income tax on land sales. The case was tried before a judge Channell. The question was as to whether the Hudson's Bay company should pay an income tax on the proceeds of its land sales. At the hearing the solicitor-general declared that such were divisible profits. Solicitor Finch for the company, replied that they were in repayment of the capital of the Hudson's Bay company, which, was chartered as a trading company, and its original purpose had never been extended. Mr. Justice Channell said the question depended on whether the company was dealing in land or not.

**G.T. PACIFIC ROLLING STOCK**

**Fifty New Passenger Coaches to be Placed in Commission This Summer**

Montreal, February 22.—The Grand Trunk Pacific has so far this year replaced orders for additional equipment as follows: Ten colonist class five parlor coach cars, sixteen first class coaches, eight sleeping cars, eight second-class coaches and thirty dining cars. This makes an aggregate of fifty new cars that will be placed in service in the coming summer on the new transcontinental line.

**What Congress Did Yesterday.**—Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—What Congress did yesterday in the senate session. Mr. McLaughlin of Mississippi, read Washington's farewell address. The agricultural committee reported on the bill for the purchase of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company. The committee also reported on a bill to increase until a special meeting on the subject of the purchase of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company. The committee also reported on a bill to increase until a special meeting on the subject of the purchase of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company. The committee also reported on a bill to increase until a special meeting on the subject of the purchase of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company.

**Calgary Man Suicides in Toronto.**  
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Toronto, Feb. 22.—That E. Parker, whose body was found in the snow at the foot of Triller Avenue, committed suicide was the verdict of the coroner's jury. His vest was found a shirt, which had been changed in a Chicago laundry at Calgary, and ties also purchased in Calgary. His clothes had been bought in Montreal or Quebec. Medical evidence showed he had been suffering from phre-

**The Premier Will Outline the Rail-  
Way Policy of the Government  
Tomorrow.**

The premier then in moving the House into committee of supply delivered the budget, an able speech of two and three-quarter hours in length reviewing the excellent financial condition of the province and outlining the expenditures of the present year. He also dealt at considerable length with what had been done by the different departments during the past

**Public Accounts Tabled.**  
When the House met Monday afternoon Hon. Dr. Rutherford tabled the

**A Bill Respecting Fines.**  
A. S. Rosenroll, Wetaskiwin, 'in

F. A. Walker, Fort Saskatchewan, thought it would be inadvisable to allow the crop to be grown close up to the fence, as the cattle would then reach over to nibble the crop and thus push down the fence with the result that the owner of the cattle would be held liable. At least six feet should be allowed between the fence and the crop to permit the binders to go outside the crop.

J. B. Boyle, Sturgeon, expressed his opinion that the fence should be high and thought that the Fence Ordinance, as well as the Pound and Stray Animals Ordinance, should be thoroughly overhauled. He thought eight feet would be a suitable provision and suggested four feet.

C. Hiebert, Didsbury, thought the

A. S. Rosenzell secured an extension to Wetaskiwin, W. F. Bredin to Lesser Slave Lake and A. J. Robertson to Nanton.

At Vegreville, put up a strong plea to have the Vegreville branch in the schedule of the bill read "to Vegreville" instead of "at or near Vegreville," pointing out that by



















